India during the initial period of three years. In the event of death of the landless agricultural labourer his/her nominee will be eligible for the assured sum of Rs. 1,000/- which will be paid by LIC. In addition, the Department of Rural Development has announced a Group Life Insurance scheme for the beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development Programme w.e.f. Ist April, 1988 and it is proposed to cover around 3 to 4 million IRDP beneficiaries every year. The scheme will provide Life Insurance cover for a period of 3 years initially and the sum assured will be Rs. 3,000/- with double the benefit in the case of accidental death. These laws, programmes, Schemes etc., are not confined to Orissa only.

(c) It is not possible to precisely estimate the financial assistance involved in the above programmes, schemes, etc.

Distribution of unirrigated land amongst the poor farmers

1130. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 70 per cent of farm land is unirrigated in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to distribute this un irrigated land amongst the poor farmers under the anti-poverty programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) About 70 per cent of the cultivated area in the country is unirrigated.

(b) Government of India is concerned with the monitering of the distribution of ceiling surplus land among the rural poor. As a result of the imposition of ceiling on agricultural land holdings, a total of 73.88 lakhs acres of land have been declared surplus out of which 44.32 lakhs acres have been distributed to 41.01 lakh beneficiaries so far as reported by the State Government.

Autonomy to ICAR

1131. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will tht Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institute demanded full autonomy like other scientific bodies like the Atomic Energy Commission and CSIR to augment functional achievements and for speedier transfer of technologies; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) (a) Before the High Level Review Committee headed by Dr. G.V.K. Rao former Member of the Planning Commission the Indian Council of Agricultural Research made various suggestions for grant of autonomy.

(b) The Report of the Review Committee is being examined.

Bungling in cattle camps in Rajasthan

1132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about the large-scale bungling and mis-management in cattle camps in the handling of fodder by the voluntary organisations recently in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The State Government have received fourteen